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RESIDENTS turned out in force to voice their anger over proposed funding cuts which could see the library at Moulton closed.



A MUGGER who slashed a taxi driver's ear as he lay unconscious was traced through his girlfriend's photo left at the scene of the attack.



New-look rail station ets a warm welcome

NEW plans for Northampton Station have been unveiled . . . and commuters have described the proposed building as "beauti-

Images showing what the redeveloped station could look like were released by West Northampton-shire Development Corporation (WNDC) this week and were warmly welcomed by passengers.

Businessman Mike Ketley, from Sywell, who regularly commutes from Northampton to London, said: 'These plans are a long time overdue. It doesn't look like 2011 in the station at the moment, it's more like the 1950s. But these new plans are beautiful.

Abington, Northampton, resident, Nicholas Georgiou, agreed, adding: "The current building is a bit tacky, but the new plans are beautiful. I'd really like to see it happen."

The new plans revealed the station building would feature a number of new shops and cafes and there would also be shops next door to the station.

Plans for the creation of the building were first

revealed by the WNDC in 2004. So far, the group has spent more than £1 million on the plans, which they

say are at the forefront of railway station design.

Although the organisation has admitted attracting funding to actually build the new station was hard, members of the group's board yesterday pledged that finding the cash would now be one of their main fo-

The Conservative MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, who is also chairman of the Northampton Rail Users' Group, has also pledged to lobby transport minister Philip Hammond to back the project. He said: "If these plans come to be a reality, North-

ampton will be very proud of its station and I think a building like that would do a lot to encourage people out of their cars and travel by rail.'



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Elton John gig given go-ahead

HEALTH and safety fears about Elton John's concert in Northampton have not prevented the gig being granted a licence.

The pop legend will play at the County Cricket Ground in Abington on June 25 and is expected to attract a 15,000 audience.

But during a hearing at the Guildhall yesterday, where the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club applied for a licence to stage the event, health and safety officers from the council said they had concerns about noise.

Paul Mallard, the council's senior environmental officer, said he feared noise levels at houses neighbouring the cricket ground would reach 85 decibels during the concert, the level at which the Health and Safety Executive state employers must provide earplugs for workers.

He said: "With this concert it looks as if

the normal noise limits will be exceeded by quite a significant amount, so we still have a significant level of concern about it. We're not saying the licence should be refused, but there is concern around noise levels. After all, you can't just turn a concert's volume down, because then it wouldn't be a concert."

The pop star, famous for such hits as Your Song and Sacrifice, is playing the County Ground as part of a major tour.

Speaking at yesterday's hearing, cricket club chief executive, Mark Tagg, said efforts had been made to make sure people who live near the ground would not be upset. He added: "As soon as we identified that we wanted to have the concert, we notified all residents so people could come to us with any concerns. We're trying to build a good relation-ship with our neighbours."

He also pointed out that more than half the tickets for the concert had so far been sold to people with an NN1 postcode.

Despite the noise concerns, the council committee agreed to grant a licence for the concert.

The chairman of the licensing committee, Councillor Portia Wilson (*Lib Dem, Parklands*) said: "We would like to congratulate the cricket club on bringing such a big event to Northampton and wish them every success with it.'

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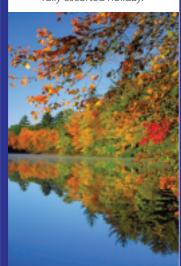
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Travel firm has hopes for future





AN EGYPT travel company, based in Northamptonshire, has been forced to cancel holidaymakers' plans this week following continued protests in the troubled country.

But Egyptian Experience, based in Brackley, has said all its travellers currently in the country were able to re-

main there safely.

Tens of thousands of protesters have taken to the streets of the capital of Egypt, Cairo, over the last week demanding Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak step down.

Jennette Bradbury, director of Egyptian Experience, said tourism had suffered heavily in the country, but said she hoped everything would 'return to normal' within a month.

Yesterday, Northamptonshire customers hoping to travel to Luxor were forced to postpone their plans as air-lines withdrew flights to the ancient city as well as Cairo.

Mrs Bradbury said the company was continuing to do what it could to support its clients, many of whom owned apartments within their resorts.

She said: "We are continuing to send people out to Hurgharda and Sharm el Sheikh.

"People haven't wanted to cancel their holiday despite the troubles.

'They still want to go and, as long as flights are going, we will send them.

'Equally, our guests who are already out there are happy to stay, including a group who are in Luxor at the moment after finishing a cruise.

'But some people who were due to fly to Luxor on Monday were unable to because of airport closures.

"We are reviewing the situation daily and are in contact with our four Egyptian offices regularly.

"The anarchy and protests do leave people vulnerable, but the effect on tourist resorts has so far been very lit-

"The resorts in the Red Sea seem especially unaffected because they are tourist areas with a low Egyptian popu-

"These protests have already affected tourism, but I hope that it will all blow over and return to normal in the next month.'

The UK Foreign Office has advised against all but non-essential travel to Luxor and urged those remaining there to only take essential transit to the port and airport at daylight hours.

The Government has also warned against travel to Cairo, Alexandria and Suez and has been working to evacuate citizens from these cities.

The advice goes on to say that the popular tourist resort of Sharm el Sheikh is 'calm' but the situation was unpredictable.

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Jennette Bradbury, director of Egyptian Experience, hopes the troubles will die down within the next few weeks



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Plea to save our forests

FOREST users in Northamptonshire have urged the public to write to their MPs to back an Early Day Motion (EDM) to oppose the mass sell-off of the country's woodlands.

Green Party MP Caroline Lucas has called the motion in a bid to tackle what she has called a

'threat to forests.' Opposition to the sales is also growing within forest user groups and an online petition group has been set up. while organisations such as the National Trust and Woodland Trust have also voiced concern.

Around 650 acres of woodland in Northamptonshire appeared on the Forestry Commission's sales 2010/11 list,

including Priesthay Wood (16.0 acres), near Towcester, and Whitfield Wood (93.2 acres), near Brackley, and there is increasing concern about the future of Salcey For-

Steve Falder, a Salcey Forest user, said: "The forests of England belong to the people of England. We do not allow the government to sell off our natural heritage. The former Royal Forest of Salcey is the lungs of South Northamptonshire.
"Salcey has been en-

joyed by local communities for generations and should be enjoyed for generations to come.

"The sale of our much-loved woodland is the sale of an irreplaceable asset by a government that appears to know the price of everything but the value of nothing."

MP for South Northamptonshire, Andrea Leadsom, said she had received hundreds of letters about the future of Salcey Forest already but said she was against EDMs in principal because of the cost to the taxpayer.

She said: "Leaving the forests in the hands of the Forestry Commission is not necessarily the right thing for all forests.

"I have been impressed by the commission in their allowing the development of public facilities in Salcev but there are other forests which could be improved by these changes and I don't think people should see this as a threat to forests.

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Road in The Mounts, said it was lucky none of her staff were around when a car

crashed into the building on Saturday at

Ms Riley said she felt it was time bollards were installed outside the cafe,

something which former owner Wolfgang

Chierer campaigned for last time the premises was damaged in 2002.

Ms Riley said: "We've been looking into

something like this for a long time. It has

happened so many times, how many more

times does it happen before something

time as it could have hit me or a member of my staff standing at the till. "It does make you angry knowing that it

has happened in the past.

"It was lucky that it happened at night-

Ms Riley said the business would not

be reopening in the "foreseeable future"

and may have to remain shut for up to six

Councillors for the area, Ifty Choudary

(Lab, St Crispin) and Penny Flavell (Con,

St Crispin), have said they would back any proposal which made the road safer.

spokesman said any new requests would

have to be considered in the next financial year. The spokesman said: "Any requests for safety measures are prioritised and

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Max Miller shows off the trophy he won in the South of England Junior Chess Championships

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Max's trophy win dedicated to late mentor

A YOUNG chess champion from Northampton has dedicated his latest accolade to his chess mentor who recently died

Max Miller, aged seven, from Great Billing and a pupil at Great Houghton School, has jointly won the South of

England Junior Chess Championships for his age group, which took place in Hampshire.

His father, David Miller, paid tribute to Tony Robson, of Chesspoints, who died aged 71 on January 11 this year, for his role in his son's chess success.

He said: "Tony Robson was the driving force behind Chesspoints which took place all over Northampton and from which Max has benefited.

"He was Max's mentor and was the one to first suggest that he entered and we want to dedicate this award to him."

A service of thanks giving for Mr Robson will be held at All Saints' Church, Northampton on Friday from 1.30pm.





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Part of its appeal is that it is the perfect feel-good film for all ages and offers a comic twist on the traditional tale of Rapunzel. In Disney's 3D Tangled, the heroine with the long locks is a plucky tower-bound teen with 70 feet of magical, golden hair.

The creative and talented Rapunzel longs to leave her home high in the sky and venture out into the real world for the first time. Unbeknown to her she was abducted as a baby from her real parents, the King and Queen of the kingdom and raised by a wicked woman masquerading as her mother. She wants to keep her under lock and key as Rapunzel's magical locks help keep this villainess eternally youthful.

When the kingdom's most wanted, and most charming, bandit Flynn Rider hides out in a mysterious tower, he's taken hostage by Rapunzel.

She agrees to give back his bag of stolen loot if in return he agrees to take her out of the tower to see the annual procession of lanterns that fill the sky every year on her birthday.

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Rapunzel doesn't know these lanterns are lit by her real royal

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Music



Electronic band at debut club night

COUNTY electro band Fenech Soler will join Annie Mac for the launch of the inaugural Moda club night in the region

Since launching in 2008, Moda has gone from an intimate basement party to an internationally recognised music brand. What started as four young DJs, producers and song writers wanting to host a party where they could share their music with others, and invite their favourite acts to play, quickly turned into something bigger.

The same philosophy saw the Moda Music record label, which launched 2009, seeing the same taking bonds like Fenech Soler from the underground to daytime radio. With national tours and regular events in London, Lincoln and Ibiza, Moda has joined forces with Leicester's Superfly to take over the O2 Academy Leicester. The first event will be headed-up by Annie Mac.

Her Friday night Radio 1 show is considered to be one of the most

important musical platforms in the world, and has been responsible for breaking some of the biggest acts in dance music.

Joining Mac and Fenech Soler will be Fake Blood, High Contrast, Jaymo & Andy George, Jakwob and Tom Staar. Moda is on tonight at the O2 Academy in Leicester.

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Flat above shops. Recent refurbishment with new bathroom and kitchen. The property has a lounge dining room, a kitchen, a bathroom with shower and 1 double bedrooms. There is

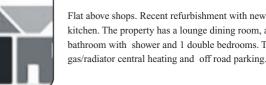












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Road Test by Ian Donaldson

New Ford Focus is setting out to take on the world

CAR like the original Ford Focus comes along so rarely that keen drivers talk about it for years afterwards.

With a hair trigger response to the steering that made an angry lion look lazy, the first Focus of 1998 proved great drives didn't have to come with huge price tags attached.

At a stroke it made the opposition look more than a little out of

Now, with 1.4 million sales of all Focus models so far, the third generation is about to be unleashed, this time as a car to take on the

It will be built in six factories around the globe (ours will come from Germany, with mostly British-built engines, when sales start in March) and sold in more than 120 countries, looking precisely like the car you see here in all of them.

Ford has the almost impossible task of keeping keen drivers anxious to take a drive, while letting the car grow up a bit.

So its maker ought to be delighted to learn that they've succeeded; the latest Focus is still good to drive but it now comes with the sort of fine riding feel and quality interior once reserved for cars in the class above, costing thousands

Over a temptingly difficult choice of Spanish roads, where Ford unleashed its new baby to the press the other day, the Focus came away with a smile on its bold new face.

Ford Focus 2.0 TDCi Titanium X

The newcomer is a little longer and lower than the second generation car, but interestingly

a little less wide. That's the first time in living memory a car has had narrower shoulders than the vehicle it succeeds, and a welcome move on roads that don't grow between the kerbs.

There are other examples of sensible or clever thinking throughout this latest Focus, especially if you're prepared to pay for one of the more upmarket versions, or take a visit to the options' list.

Do that you and you'll have a car so swimming in cleverness it qualifies for motoring Mensa, the organisation where clever people get together to be... clever.

For instance, you can have a Focus that gently steers you back on course if you wander across a line marking on the motorway, reads speed limit signs and displays them on the instrument panel, brakes to a halt if a pedestrian

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steps in front of the car in town, or even parks itself (well it moves the steering wheel for you as you slip backwards into a space).

But first impressions first; nobody this side of the most sensible accountant on earth, buys a car they think looks ugly, even if it stacks up in every other depart-ment. If you think the latest Ford Fiesta looks funky, you'll love the new Focus.

Inside, there's been a bit of a revolution. There never was anything much wrong with the things that are important to a driver; clear instruments, properly placed controls and switches and the like, but not even the Focus's best friends would say the quality was up with the best.

Well now it is; quite good enough with accurately fitting panels and lots of soft-to-the-touch plastics to

give the best of the rivals (think Germany here) a run for their Euros.

Those exterior swoops and curves move inside to give the Focus a more light hearted feel than, say the more serious feeling Golf, but it's

a fine place to sit and enjoy a car that's simply got to succeed.

Other auto makers have had a go at building a so-called world car, but have produced some very dull

Nobody is going to call the new Focus dull, not after a decent drive over demanding roads. If going faster than you thought is the mark of a well developed car (it is) then Ford's engineers have excelled themselves this time. The new Focus will come

initially as a five-door hatchback or estate, with three-door models in a more coupe-like shape hinted at later. Prices start at £15.995 and every one of the newcomers has goodies like a digital DAB radio, Bluetooth and even voice control of important convenience features.

Also included are Ford's clever

fuel filler neck which won't let you put petrol in a diesel's tank; front, side and curtain airbags and electronic stability control – a feature that brakes individual wheels when you corner dangerously fast and is a proven lifesaver.

Lead-in model is the Focus Edge, which costs £15,995 for the 1.6 105 horsepower petrol version and £16,995. Ford thinks the next version up, the Zetec, will take most sales; this starts at £16,995 and comes with 16 inch alloy wheels, heated windscreen and door mirrors, front fog lamps and sportystyle seats.

Move to the Titanium (from £18,745) and you add keyless start, dual automatic temperature control, hill start assist (it keeps the brakes on long enough for you to work the clutch on a slope), automatic wipers and lights, cruise control and a good Sony sound system.

The range-topping Titanium X (from £21,245) revels in part-leather trim, heated front seats, bigger alloys, park assist, xenon headlights, bright daylight running lights and power assist for the driver's seat adjustment.

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Foden aiming to emulate Robinson

he wants to emulate the feats of legendary England fullback Jason Robinson.

Foden is preparing for his first visit to the Millennium Stadium when England open their Six Nations campaign against Wales tomorrow night

And he is using Robinson as his inspiration after watching the World Cup winning fullback mesmerise the Welsh as a youngster.

Now it's Foden's turn to shine on one of the most intimidating stages in rugby and he said: "I remember watching Jason Robinson, when he first burst on to the scene and thinking this guy is

amazing.

"If I can achieve anything that guy did wearing the number 15 shirt I would be more than happy.

"As a kid growing up, it was always a dream to playing for England, but I never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be playing there. I know my family and friends will be watching and I know they will be very proud of me."

Robinson won 51 caps for England, scoring 28 tries and in 2003 he won the World Cup and the Six Nations in the same glorious season

Foden will be attempting the same fantastic double this year with England favourites to win the Six Nations ahead of the World Cup in New Zea-

RFU chief executive and former Saints player and coach John Steele has set Martin Johnson's side a target of finishing in the top two, but Foden says only winning

their first Six Nations since 2003 will do for the players.

"As a squad we are aiming for the number one slot, and hopefully it will go our way," said Foden. "We are a confident squad, we feel we are going in the right direction and the next step for us is to win the Six Nations. It would be ideal to win it and keep us going forward for the World Cup, but there are some tough games ahead.

away is no easy feat, all the teams are pretty high calibre in the Six Nations. It is a tough job, but it is a realistic target.

Meanwhile, the Saints are in LV= Cup action at Franklin's Gardens when they play their final group game against Leeds. A shadow Saints side was beaten 37-20 at London Irish last Sunday.

Sampson delight as Crewe are hit for six

IAN SAMPSON said last night's record-breaking Cobblers win over Crewe Alexandra 'had a bit of everything."

Town smashed Crewe 6-2 the first time they have scored six at Sixfields - with debu-tant Shaun Harrad joined on the scoresheet by Michael Jacobs, Dean Beckwith, Andy Holt, Abdul Osman and Billy

The result is sure to turn a few heads in npower League Two, although Sampson was keen to play it down afterwards

"They were a few hairy moments in the game but we're obviously delighted to take the victory," said the Cobblers boss, whose team are now 13th in the table with a home game against Barnet to come at the weekend.

"The first half had a bit of everything and we responded really well to going behind to get 3-1 up and then Chris (Dunn) saved the penalty.

"There were plenty of ups and downs but it was al-ways likely to be like that because of the way Crewe play, you are always likely to get chances.

Sampson was especially pleased with his two new re-

Midfielder Josh Walker ran the game from start to finish, and Harrad opened his goalscoring account after only 11 minutes.

"I'm pleased for Shaun because you always want a striker to get themselves a goal as soon as possible," he said. "And he took his goal very well.
"He'll probably be thinking

he should have got more than

one goal because the team has scored six, but I'm very happy with the way he played. It was a very good debut.
"The free-kick he won that

Michael (Jacobs) scored as

well was typical of him.
"He used his strength like that against us when he scored here last year and he did it again."

The Cobblers are back in

league two action on Saturday when they entertain Barnet at Sixfields (ko 3pm).

Sampson's men will be aiming for their third league win on the spin, with the Crewe hammering following on fromthe 2-1 Sixfields victory over Oxford United 12 days

Town were without a game last weekend as their sched-uled clash with Burton Albion was called off with the Brewers on FA Cup duty.



OFF AND RUNNING - Shaun Harrad celebrates his first goal for the Cobblers, and gets to meet Clarence The Dragon, during Tuesday night's stunning 6-2 win over Crewe



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